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The Honorable Hal Stratton
Chairman
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

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Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
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Dear Chairman Conway:

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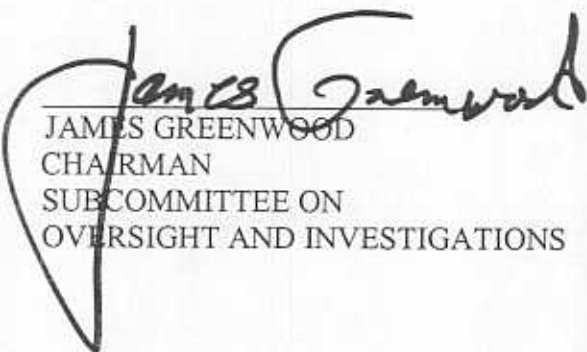
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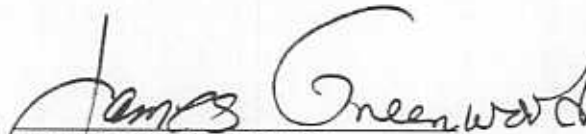
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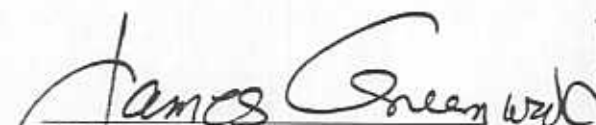
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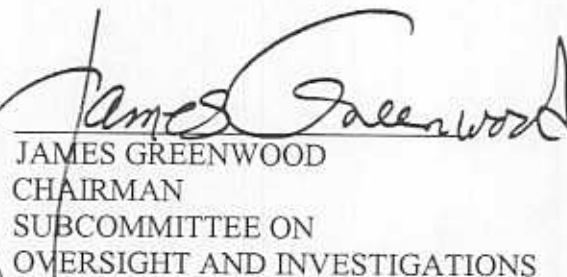
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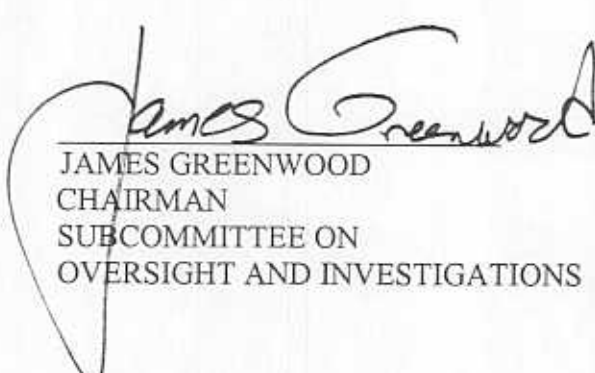
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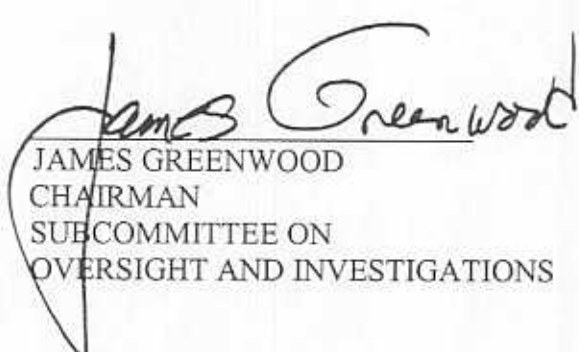
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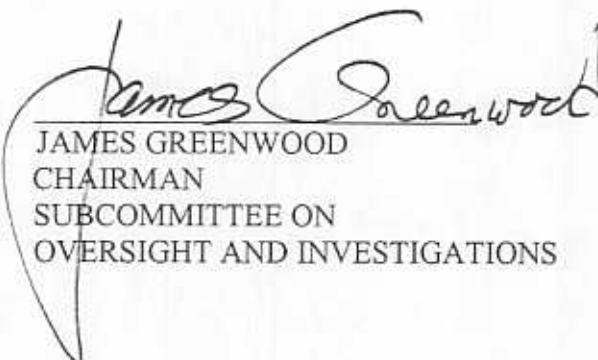
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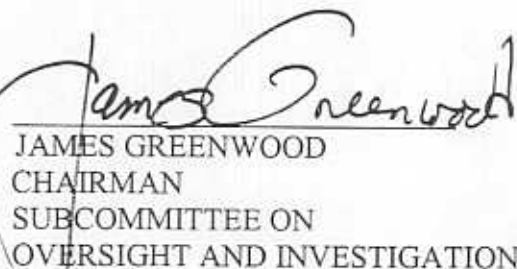
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 400 7th Street, S.W.
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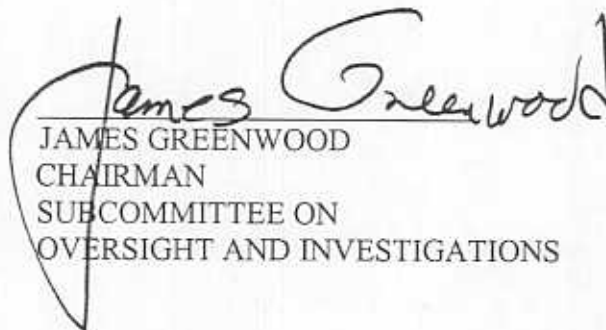
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The Honorable Carolyn W. Merritt
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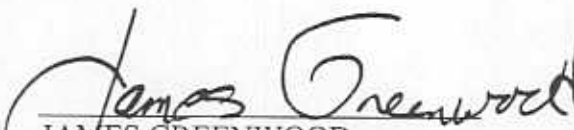
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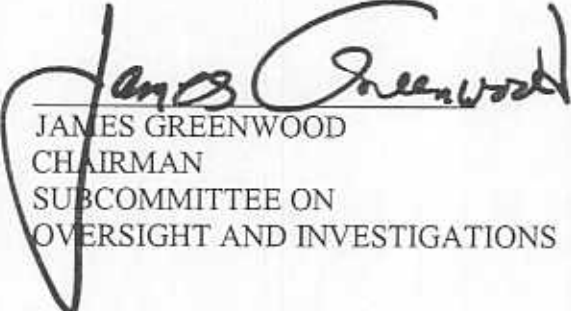
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